



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ model of a (2)_____
Major-General

I've (3)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the (4)_____ historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot o' news

(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With many (5)_____ facts

About the (6)_____ of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very (7)_____ at integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (8)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer (9)_____ acrostics, I've a pretty
(10)_____ for paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of (11)_____ I've heard the music's din afore
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs

From (12)_____ infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in (13)_____
cuneiform

And (14)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (15)_____ model of a (16)_____
Major-General

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at (17)_____ a (18)_____
rifle from a javelin



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And surprises I'm more (19)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is (20)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (21)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (22)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (23)_____ I'm more (24)_____ at
And (25)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in (26)_____
gunnery
When I (27)_____ more of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only (28)_____ brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (29)_____ model of a modern Major-General!
...



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Answer

1. very
2. modern
3. information
4. fights
5. cheerful
6. square
7. good
8. model
9. hard
10. taste
11. which
12. that
13. Babylonian
14. tell
15. very
16. modern
17. sight
18. Mauser
19. wary
20. meant
21. novice
22. beginning
23. surprises
24. wary
25. when
26. modern
27. know
28. been
29. very